CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	photo-13
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600808.017
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	23 November 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	23 November 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication has been classified objectionable. It promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 as it depicts a sexualised image involving a misappropriated image of a young girl. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society which denounces the sexual exploitation of its young and vulnerable members.